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## **Gilbert Awarded Michigan Association of Timbermen's "Friend of the Timbermen Award"**

**(LANSING)** – The Michigan Association of Timbermen recently honored state Senator Jud Gilbert, R-Algonac, with their "Friend of the Timbermen Award" for his diligent work as Senate and House Transportation Committee chair on forestry issues.

"I am honored and humbled to receive the Michigan Association of Timbermen's Friend of the Timbermen Award," Gilbert said. "In my tenure in the Michigan Legislature transportation forestry issues have always been at the forefront of my concerns, and I am grateful that the Timbermen Association has recognized my work."

The Michigan Association of Timbermen is a non-profit trade organization, representing the forest products industry of Michigan. Founded in 1972, the organization has provided representation of Michigan's forest community, including those who grow, harvest and process forest products.

"Senator Gilbert, former House Transportation Committee Chair, and current Senate Transportation chair, continues to recognize and put on a fast track transportation issues important to the forest products industry," Denny Olson, President of the Michigan Association of Timbermen, said.

The award was presented to Senator Gilbert recently in his senate office by Mr. Olson.